

inent and influential in English history, but evidence is lacking to substantiate this connection. They were intellectual and cultured even at an early date; many became well known scholars and genuine book-lovers; others entered the active fields of politics or law and became famous. They were always genial and popular, loving ease and luxury, shrewd enough generally to be on the winning side; and although always Tories and Royalists, they escaped serious trouble throughout changes and revolutions.

The two most distinguished members of the family were Francis, Baron Guilford, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal under Charles II and James II; and Frederic, Lord North, Prime Minister under George III during the American Revolution. Both of these famous men have been severely criticized and harshly censured. Their lives may be found in the encyclopedias.

In the English family there is a tradition that the first North entered England with William the Conqueror and married his daughter. Some members of this family have an ancestral tree showing this origin. The first ancestor of the Guilford Norths mentioned in the peerage<sup>1</sup> books is Robert North, who was living in 1470, in the reign of Henry V. His grandson Edward, born in 1496, was the first Baron North of Kirtling, County Cambridge, in 1553-4. A branch of this family comprises the Norths of County Nottingham.

Correspondence with present members of the North family in England who have compiled the family records, fails to reveal any who came to America previous to 1700, save one, Roger, who sailed with Sir Walter Raleigh on his fatal last voyage to Guiana in 1617, and who was unmarried.

London genealogists have failed to tell us anything about John North's parentage or place of birth. Although a common ancestry with the Guilford Norths cannot be proved, such a relationship is not unlikely, in view of the fact that the name North is not common in England. That John North's parents were not poor, as poverty was reckoned in those days, may be assumed from his being "no subsedy man."

His fellow-passenger, Richard Saltonstall, was said to be related by marriage to the Norths of Kirtling. Whether there is any significance in this and the fact that they both first settled in Ipswich, Mass., owing perhaps to family ties, or whether these were merely coincidences, remains to be determined.

<sup>1</sup> Collins' "Peerage"; Burke's "Peerage and Extinct Baronets."

There were other John Norths among the forefathers of the numerous North progeny of the present day, of whom two landed in America about the same time as John North of Farmington. One of these went to Virginia in the ship *Primrose* July 27, 1635,<sup>1</sup> aged 22. The second sailed in the *Assurance* to Virginia in 1635-7,<sup>2</sup> aged 24. They were probably the ancestors of the Norths in the South, concerning whose progenitors little is known.

There was a Thomas North in the "list of men living" in Queen City, Va., Feb. 16, 1623. This is probably a list of the survivors of the terrible experiences of the early colony.

A family tradition is that John North of Farmington had a brother, Thomas,<sup>2</sup> who settled in New Haven, and had three children, Thomas, John and Bashua, born there 1650-7. He died and his widow, Mary (Price) North, married again. About 1670, leaving her second husband behind, she returned to London with her two sons, furnished with documents from the colonial authorities to enable her to inherit property there. The daughter Bashua married and remained in this country.

There was a Richard<sup>3</sup> North, who was one of the original settlers of Salisbury, Mass., in 1640, later removing to Salem. His wife's name was Ursula, and they had three daughters: Mary, who married in 1669 Thomas Jones; Sarah Oldum; and Susanna, who married George Martyn.

Though both Thomas North of New Haven and Richard North of Salisbury, Mass., lived within short distances of John North of Farmington while in the latter place and at Ipswich, fifteen miles from Salisbury, no evidence has been found to show that there was any relationship between these three. In a new and strange country where family ties would rather be strengthened than weakened, there would probably have been left some documentary or other evidence of intercourse between them.

A branch of Norths, whose posterity is among the most numerous of the present day families, is descended from a North, supposed by some to bear the christian name Thomas, who was born about 1649, came to America about 1670 and settled at Providence Plantations. His descendants claim descent from the Guilford Norths. He had several children, of whom the old-

<sup>1</sup> Hotten, "Original Lists of Immigrants."

<sup>2</sup> N. E. H. and G. R.; II, 160; XII, 309.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*; VII, 87.

est son, Thomas, Jr., went to New Town, Long Island. The latter's oldest son Jeremiah came of age in 1731. Soon after that, Thomas, Jr., heard that his grandfather's estate in London was without heir. He prepared to go over and take possession of the property, but was taken sick and died. Jeremiah was then the heir, but for some reason would not go himself, and sent his brother Robert. But in consequence of ignorance of the forms of English law, he failed to obtain the property. This is the story told by the granddaughter of Thomas North, Jr. It corresponds with the facts and dates of history. In 1734, William, Lord North, died without heirs, and the titles and estates passed to Francis, Lord Guilford, son of his first cousin. The exact lineage of Thomas, Sr., is not clear, but it is supposed that he was descended from a younger brother of William, Lord North.

From Jeremiah's brother Benjamin are descended Dr. Frank Mason North, the noted Methodist clergyman, and many Norths in and around New York City. From Robert North are descended the Norths of Walton, N. Y.

In 1677, Edward<sup>1</sup> North, a mariner, was living in Boston with his wife Sarah Bateman. Their daughter Hannah married Nathaniel Eells. They also had two other children, Sarah and Paul, twins, born Aug. 14, 1677. Edward North died before 1689, in which year his widow married Samuel Eells of Hingham, Mass.

There was a Stephen<sup>2</sup> North of Boston, son of Stephen, also of Boston, who returned to England about 1724, in which year his will was probated. He had an uncle Francis in England, which fact would indicate that his arrival in America was not many years previous to this time. It is probably one of these Stephen Norths whose name appears among the list of Boston tavern keepers in 1714.

About this time there was a Daniel<sup>3</sup> North at Barnstable, Mass., who was born about 1696. He had a wife Hannah, whom he married about 1715, and children: Daniel, born 1716; Mary, born 1718; James, born 1720; John, born 1722-3; Hannah, born 1725; and Winifred, born 1727. Further descendants are untraced.

<sup>1</sup> Boston Record Commissioners Reports, IX, 142; "History of Hingham, Mass.," II, 210.

<sup>2</sup> N. E. H. and G. R.; XXX, 108; LXII, 92.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, II, 66.

The next Norths of whose migration we have any record were cousins, Caleb and John North, grandsons of John North who was said to have gone to Ireland about 1650 in the Cromwellian wars, and had lands granted by the Crown in West Meath and County of Kings. His descendants claim an acknowledged kinship with the ancestors of the Guilford Norths, and the right to carry the coat of arms of the North family in America.

Caleb was the son of Roger North. He married Jane, daughter of Eckerly, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and had eight children: Roger, Caleb, Joseph, Ann, Elizabeth, Catharine, Joshua and Sarah. With most of his children he landed at Philadelphia, July 29, 1729, and in 1734 bought sixty-nine acres of land from the Penn family at Gilbert Manor, Pa. Most of the present Norths of Pennsylvania are descended from this branch, as are also many throughout Ohio, Indiana and the middle west. Col. Caleb North, of Revolutionary fame, was the son of Roger North. Another line<sup>1</sup> went into Virginia and during the Civil War made fine records on the Confederate side.

John, cousin of Caleb, was the son of John and Hannah (Watson) North, and grandson of John North, who settled in Ireland. He was born in County West Meath, Ireland, about 1682, and came to America in 1730, landing at Portsmouth, N. H. In 1731 he bought land at Pemaquid, Me., where he settled. He was the ancestor of the Augusta, Me., branch of Norths. His only surviving son John was a surveyor of lands, a captain in the French and Indian Wars, and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Lincoln Co., Me. His children were Joseph, who married Elizabeth Pittson and was a member of the Maine Provincial Congress, 1774-5; Mary, who married Dr. John McKeckie; and William, who married Mary, daughter of Hon. James Duane of New York, and was General Steuben's aide during the Revolution, later several times member of the New York Legislature, and at one time speaker of the Assembly. For a more complete genealogy of this branch of Norths, see the "History of Augusta, Me.," by James W. North, which presents many facts supporting the claim to connection with the English Norths.

Another family that is probably descended from John North of Farmington, is that of Thomas North who, according to the Federal Census of 1790, was head of a family in Granville,

<sup>1</sup> "The Keyes, Cruzen, and North Families," by M. F. Stipes, Jamesport, Mo., 1914.

Washington Co., N. Y., of three males over 16 years, one under 16, and two females. He was the father of Capt. Thomas North, Jr. (1768-1852) of that town, who was a captain in the militia in 1796, and whose three sons, Justus, Nathan and Selah, were the ancestors of the Norths of Elbridge and Marcellus, N. Y.

Thomas North, Sr., was either brother or cousin to John North who was head of a family in Balston Spa, N. Y., in 1790, of one male over 16 years, one under 16 and two females, and who also removed to Elbridge, N. Y. He had one son, Daniel Hoyt North.

The compiler is inclined to believe that Thomas North, Sr., was the son of Capt. Thomas North (No. 19) who removed from Sharon, Conn., to Dutchess Co., N. Y., about 1753. The census of 1790 records no Norths in that county, and records in Granville, Washington Co., besides Thomas North, Salmon North, cousin of Capt. Thomas North (No. 19).

A study of the dates shows no inconsistency in tracing a line from Capt. Thomas North of Sharon to Capt. Thomas North of Granville.

There was an Edward North, a merchant in Charlestown, S. C., in the time of the Revolution, who was imprisoned in one of the British prison ships. His ancestors came from Bermuda, where they had first settled after leaving England. He had a descendant, Edward W., who was a noted physician in his day. He died in 1842-3. His two sons, Edward and Richard, were also physicians, and left children whose homes are in South Carolina and Georgia. Another son, James Heyward North, was an officer in the United States Navy.

The first Federal Census of 1790 shows that at that time there were ninety-two families named North, with a membership of 585, or 6.4 members to a family. These ninety-two families were located, one in Maine, three in Vermont, three in Massachusetts, thirty-three in Connecticut, eighteen in New York, sixteen in Pennsylvania, two in Maryland, seven in Virginia (partial enumeration), three in North Carolina and six in South Carolina. Of these families two in Massachusetts, four in New York and all those in Vermont and Connecticut can be identified as being descended from John North of Farmington, which indicates that his posterity at that time formed the largest single branch of Norths.

Of the Norths in Connecticut, three families of the Torrington branch are recorded under the name Noth (perhaps an error on

the part of the enumerator). Eleven families lived in Farmington, and the same number in Berlin; eight lived in Litchfield, which then included Torrington, and two in Cornwall.

The descendants of John North are now numbered by the thousands, and are scattered from Maine to California. When the tide of emigration began to move westward after the Revolution, and well into the nineteenth century, many Norths left their homes in Connecticut and were among the early settlers of numerous towns in Vermont, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan and later in Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Utah and California. Northfield, Minn., and Riverside, Calif., were both founded by John Wesley North.

Among their numbers were farmers, lawyers, doctors, ministers, manufacturers, men of affairs, teachers, college presidents and soldiers in the Colonial Wars and in six American Wars.



Mary (who with her brother John?) was kept at the house of Sergt. John Stillman in 1693, during the prevalence of small-pox in the home of Robert Francis. ("History of Wethersfield.")

- iii. SUSANNAH, b. April 15, 1676; d. April 23, 1764; m. Jan. 18, 1694, SERGT. BENJAMIN JUDD, JR., son of Benjamin and Mary (Lewis) Judd, of Great Swamp Parish, now included in New Britain, and grandson of the immigrant Thomas Judd. Children: (1) *Benjamin*, b. Mar. 2, 1697; m. 1727, Sarah Hollister. (2) *Susannah*, b. Aug. 12, 1699; m. 1756, David Bronson. (3) *Mary*, b. Feb. 6, 1702; m. 1723, Joseph Beckley. (4) *Abigail*, b. Sept. 5, 1703; m. 1746, George Kilborne. (5) *Keziah*, b. Sept. 14, 1705; m. 1729, Amos Judd. (6) *Bathsheba*, b. Aug. 20, 1707; m. 1728, David Sage. (7) *Joanna*, b. Sept. 16, 1709; m. 1731, Samuel Hubbard. (8) *Catharine*, b. Sept. 26, 1711. (9) *Uriah*, b. Dec. 28, 1713; m., 1st, in 1744, Mabel Bidwell; 2nd, in 1747, Mercy Seymour. (10) *James*, b. 1717; m. 1749, Hannah Andrus. (11) *Nathan*, b. Aug. 24, 1719; m. 1743, Thankful Wright. (12) *Hezekiah*, b. June 19, 1722; d. young.
- iv. SARAH, b. Sept. 20, 1678; d. before 1742.

3. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> NORTH (*John*<sup>1</sup>), second son of John and Hannah (Bird) North, was born in 1643, probably at Ipswich, Mass., since his father did not sell land there until 1646. He died at Farmington, Dec. 14, 1682, aged 39. He married Jan. 3, 1666, HANNAH, daughter of John<sup>1</sup> and Elizabeth Norton, born at Branford in 1649.

They lived in Farmington on the north side of the Hartford road, a little east of Edward Norton's farm buildings. He, with his father and brother John, were among the eighty-four proprietors between whom the unoccupied lands of Farmington were divided in 1672. After his death his widow married (2) in 1685 John Rew [?].

Children, b. at Farmington:

- 6. i. JOHN, b. 1669; d. April, 1745.
- ii. SAMUEL, b. 1671; d. 1707. He was a merchant and d. in Boston, probably leaving no children, as his property was

\* John Norton, third son of Richard and Ellen (Rowley) Norton of London, was one of the first settlers of Branford, and removed in 1659 to Farmington, where he was one of the original proprietors in the division of the lands. His ancestry has been traced back to Alfred the Great, Henry I of France, the brother of William the Conqueror, and Rollo, Duke of Normandy. He married Elizabeth Clarke.

divided among his brothers and sisters. His will is dated Nov. 11, 1706.

The last will and testament of Samuel North of Farmington, in the County of Hartford, in the Colony of Connecticut, in New England, husbandman, at present residing in Boston, being under bodily illness and infirmities, but through mercy of sound disposing mind and memory, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: Imprimus: I give unto my nephew Josiah North, son of my brother John North, my house and barn, with the moiety or half part of all the lands adjoining and pertaining thereunto, containing about 102 acres, situated in Farmington. I give unto my nephew Daniel North, son of my brother Thomas North, the other moiety or  $\frac{1}{2}$  part of my land aforesd. And it is my will that my aforementioned brothers have and enjoy the profits of my sd. land unto each of their sons respectively until they attain the age of 21 years. I give unto my brother Thomas North, my 9 acres of land lying near Clatter Valley in Farmington, which I purchased of Thomas North; also my husbandry tools. I give unto my sister Hannah Northway one cow and a yoke of oxen. I appoint my two brothers John North and Thomas North, to be the executors of this my last will, and I do hereby revoke and disannul all wills by me heretofore made—In witness—Annoque Quinto—

As a codicil to my foregoing will, and to be accepted and taken as part and parcel thereof, I do give unto my brother Thomas North, 3 acres and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of land at a place called Nod, a parcel of land lying at the hop garden, a tract of land in the southwest division and 40 acres in the north division near the Pinnacle, all which sd. lands are in Farmington.

SAMUEL NORTH.

Witness: JOHN CUTLAR,  
JOHN PERKINS,  
EZEKIAL LEWIS.

- 7. iii. THOMAS, b. 1673; d. April 5, 1755.
- iv. HANNAH, b. 1677; d. at Northington, now Avon, May 25, 1752; m. Mar. 29, 1705, GEORGE NORTHWAY of Northington. Children: (1) *Hannah*, b. Oct. 12, 1706. (2) *John*, b. Dec. 2, 1707. (3) *Mary*, b. Jan. 10, 1711; m. 1736, Daniel North (16). (4) *Samuel*, b. Aug. 17, 1715. (5) *Sarah*, b. April 24, 1720. (6) *Josiah*, b. Aug. 31, 1724.

4. JAMES<sup>2</sup> NORTH (*John*<sup>1</sup>), third son of John the settler, was born in 1647, and died at Northampton, Mass., July 25,

already rec'd. I give to my son Josiah North my homestead whereon I now dwell, both housing and lands; also 20 acres of land in the 2nd allotment in the division butting on Hartford and Windsor bounds; also about 7 acres of land in the great meadow, with all the rest of my estate, both real and personal, I give to him and his heirs forever. I appoint my son Josiah North executor.

JOHN NORTH.

Witness: JOSEPH HAWLEY,  
JOHN NEWELL,  
ABELL HAWLEY.

Children, b. at Farmington:

- i. HANNAH, b. 1693; m. (1) June 28, 1716, THOMAS WILCOX, b. July 5, 1687, d. Jan. 20 or 21, 1726, son of Israel and Sarah (Savage) Wilcox; (2) Feb. 2, 1728, RICHARD COLEMAN. Children by first husband: (1) *Martha*, b. April 21, 1720; m. Andrew Warner. (2) *Thomas*, b. Oct. 5, 1720 [?]. (3) *Jonathon*, b. Jan. 24, 1722-3; m., 1st, Dinah Orvis; 2nd, Rachel Lewis. (4) *Hannah*, b. Dec. 3, 1724.
- ii. MARY, b. 1695; d. July 6, 1734; m. Dec. 16, 1717, ISRAEL WILCOX, JR., b. Jan. 16, 1680, d. July 6, 1731, brother of Thomas, above. Child: *Israel*, m. Sarah Rogers.
- iii. JOHN, b. —; d. 1733; unm. Lived in Worthington. His will is dated Jan. 1, 1732.

I, John North, Jr. of the Parish of Kensington, in the Township of Middletown, do make this my last will and testament. I give the  $\frac{1}{2}$  of my land which my father gave me in Farmington, called the south lott (the north side of sd. lott) to my honoured father John North. And also I give to my said father all my moveable estate of what name, kinds or nature so ever. I give to my mother Elizabeth North all the rest of the lands which were given me by my father as aforesd. And I appoint my honoured father John North and my honoured mother Elizabeth North executors, requiring them to pay all my just debts.

JOHN NORTH, JR.

Witness: SAMUEL HUBBARD,  
HEZEKIAH HOOKER,  
ISAAC LEE.

- iv. MARGARET, b. 1701; m. before 1737, PRIOR.
- v. RUTH, b. 1702; m. 1729, ISAAC COWLES, a wealthy farmer of Southington. Descendants in male line extinct.
13. vi. JONATHON, b. April 8, 1704.
14. vii. JOSIAH, b. 1705; d. 1777.
15. viii. SAMUEL, b. 1708; d. 1796.
- ix. EUNICE, b. Dec. 17, 1710; m. HAWLEY. Lived in Simsbury.

7. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> NORTH (*Samuel*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), third son of Samuel and Hannah (Norton) North, was born in Farmington in 1673 and died there April 5, 1755. He married Dec. 4, 1699, HANNAH, daughter of Joseph<sup>1</sup> and Rebecca (Newell) Woodford. She died Nov. 4, 1757.

He joined the church in 1708, and lived in Farmington, on the south side of the Hartford road, and probably built the house where his grandson Seth North lived. The house stood next east of that of Samuel North, and next west of that of Joseph Bird. He inherited lands in Farmington from his brother Samuel.

Children, b. at Farmington:

16. i. DANIEL, b. Mar. 20, 1702; d. Mar. 23, 1784.
- ii. HEZEKIAH, b. May 11, 1704; d. Dec. 23, 1759; m. Jan. 21, 1735, ELIZABETH, daughter of John Porter and granddaughter of Dr. Daniel Porter. No children. His property was bequeathed to his nephew Timothy Woodruff whom he brought up. Buried in the old graveyard at Farmington. She m. (2) Mar. 23, 1761, widower Stephen Sedgwick.
- iii. SUSANNA, b. May 3, 1706; d. Dec. 11, 1766; m. June 10, 1728, MATTHEW WOODRUFF, JR., of East Farms. Child: *Timothy*. Perhaps others.
- iv. THANKFUL, b. July 1, 1708; bapt. Aug. 15, 1710; d. Oct. 6, 1772; m. Oct. 10, 1734, JAMES HART of Avon, a mill owner. Children: (1) *Elnathan*, b. Sept. 10, 1735; d. Aug. 26, 1831; m. Ruth Judd. (2) *Lucy*, b. Oct. 5, 1740; d. Nov. 30, 1820. (3) *Hannah*, b. Sept. 9, 1741; m. Oct. 3, 1765, Obadiah Andrews. (4) *Sarah*, b. July 15, 1743; m. Oct. 6, 1766, Ebenezer Merrills. (5) *Eunice*, b. Aug. 9, 1746; m. Oct. 3, 1765, Eli North (38).
- v. HANNAH, b. July 27, 1711; d. April 19, 1760; m. May 3, 1738, SAMUEL, son of Samuel and Hannah (Lathrop) Sampson of Northington, b. April 13, 1709.

<sup>1</sup>Joseph Woodford, Sr., was born in Hartford in 1666, and was perhaps the son of Thomas Woodford who was born in Lincolnshire, England, and who was a member of Rev. Thomas Hooker's church party which founded Hartford. He removed with Thomas North (son of the first John North), to Northington, then called Nod, which they first settled. The Norths and the Woodfords were very intimate and several intermarriages occurred.

In a deed of conveyance to his daughter Hannah, Joseph Woodford, Sr., mentions "my well beloved daughter, now ye wife of Thomas North."

Rebecca Newell was the daughter of Thomas Newell (see footnote, p. 12).

- 17. vi. TIMOTHY, b. Sept. 21, 1714; d. July 31, 1788.
- vii. ABIGAIL, b. April 6, 1716; d. Sept. 23, 1749; m. July 18, 1744, THOMAS, son of Stephen and Abigail (Porter) Andrews. Children: (1) *Mary*, b. Oct. 6, 1744. (2) *Noah*, b. Jan. 29, 1746-7; d. 1780. (3) *Son*, b. and d. 1749.
- viii. SARAH, b. June 26, 1717; d. Dec. 9, 1798; m. Nov. 15, 1739, widower ABRAHAM WOODRUFF of East Farms, son of Matthew and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Andrews Woodruff. He was b. Feb. 13, 1710-11 and d. Dec. 7, 1768. No children.

8. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> NORTH (*Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), second son of Thomas and Hannah (Newell) North, was born at Farmington in 1673, and died at Christian Lane, now Berlin, Mar. 2, 1724-5. He married (1) Dec. 1, 1698, MARTHA ROYS (spelled also Ryce, Rice, Royce), daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Lathrop) Roys.<sup>1</sup> She was born June 1, 1679. After her death he married her cousin MARY ROYS, who married June 10, 1730, widower Matthew Woodruff, and died at Northington, April 23, 1763, nearly one hundred years old.

Thomas North was a pioneer settler in that part of Berlin known as Christian Lane, where he owned much land, possibly a part of the grant made to his father. His name appears among those who petitioned the General Assembly at Hartford, Oct. 16, 1705, to settle in Great Swamp, now Berlin, and to have a meeting house there. He was one of the seven pillars of the original Congregational Church of Kensington, which was formed in 1712. The other six were William Burnham, pastor, Stephen Lee, Dr. Anthony Judd, Samuel Seymour, Thomas Hart and Caleb Cowles.

Thomas North was a man of wealth and influence. Attempts to find his dwelling place have failed. Records give it as Kensington and Farmington, but we know that he lived near the Seymour Stockade in Christian Lane just back of the residence of the late Mr. John Goodrich of Berlin. It was built of sixteen foot palisades, sharpened to points and stuck in the ground,

<sup>1</sup> Isaac Roys was the son of Robert Roys, who was known to have been of Boston as early as 1631-2, removing to New London before 1637. He was one of the first planters of Wallingford in 1761.

Elizabeth Lathrop was the daughter of Samuel Lathrop who came from England to Scituate, Mass., in 1734. He was the son of Rev. John Lathrop, who was imprisoned for his religious beliefs, and released on condition that he go to America.

and affording protection against the Indians. Around this stockade clustered many families, including the Harts, the Standleys (Stanley), the Nortons, Cowles, Porters, Gridleys, Newells and others less closely connected with the Norths.

Thomas North and Thomas Hart were a committee to whom Rev. William Burnham deeded land Jan. 7, 1716-7, for a burying place in Christian Lane "To be theirs and their heirs forever, for the above said use." This graveyard, fallen into a condition of sore neglect, was restored in 1909 by the Emma Hart Willard Chapter of the D. A. R.

By deed of Jan. 24, 1709, Thomas North conveyed to William Burnham two parcels of land, one of 18 acres, the other of 22 acres, described as being in Great Swamp. By deed of Feb. 1, 1709, he sold land in Beach Swamp, Great Swamp, to Samuel Seamore, who married his sister Hannah North.

Children:

- i. MARTHA, b. June 30, 1700; m. Aug. 6, 1719, DANIEL, son of Nathaniel and Comfort (Deming) Beckley, and grandson of Sergt. Richard Beckley, the first settler in Berlin. Children: (1) *Martha*, b. Oct. 27, 1720; m. Aug. 4, 1742, John Savage. (2) *Daniel*, b. Nov. 29, 1724; m. Ruth Hart. (3) *Lois*, b. Nov. 17, 1730; m. Pete Galpin.
- 18. ii. ISAAC, b. Sept. 27, 1703; d. Dec. 20, 1788.
- 19. iii. THOMAS, b. Oct. 27, 1705.
- 20. iv. JAMES, b. April 17, 1709; d. 1758.
- v. SARAH, b. Feb. 24, 1711; d. Jan. 3, 1777; m. May 17, 1727-8, JOSEPH WOODFORD, JR., of Northington, b. Aug. 22, 1705, and was a church member.
- vi. SAMUEL, b. July 28, 1715; d. April 11, 1725.
- vii. JOSEPH, b. 1720; d. 1737; m. HANNAH ———. No children.
- viii. HANNAH, b. Sept. 17, 1722; d. Feb. 23, 1811; m. 1739, TIMOTHY NORTH (17).

9. NATHANIEL<sup>3</sup> NORTH (*Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), third son of Thomas and Hannah (Newell) North, was born at Northington, now Avon, the northeast part, in 1688, and died there April 5, 1777, aged 89. He married June 10, 1708, MARGARET, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Bliss) Holcomb of Simsbury. She died May 27, 1777, aged 90. He joined the church in 1752, and lived on his father's place in Northington.

Children:

- 21. i. NATHANIEL, b. April 14, 1709; d. 1754.
- 22. ii. JOHN, b. at Farmington, Mar. 13, 1711; d. Oct. 22, 1785.



## FOURTH GENERATION

13. JONATHON<sup>4</sup> NORTH (*John<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), third son of John and Mary (Seymour) North, was born at Farmington, April 8, 1704, and married Aug. 28, 1730, MARY WOLCOTT, born Aug. 20, 1709, daughter of Lieut. Charles and Elizabeth (Hawley) Wolcott of Windsor, whither he removed, and where his five oldest children were born. He removed to Canaan about 1738, where his youngest son was born.

### Children:

- i. ELIZABETH, b. July 6, 1732.
- ii. MARY, b. April 1, 1734.
31. iii. JOHN, b. May 14, 1736; d. 1803.
- iv. CHARLES, b. May 14, 1736; (twin).
- v. SARAH, b. April 27, 1738; m. June 24, 1761, JONATHON MILLER (?)
32. vi. ASA, b. Sept. 10, 1745; d. Aug. 21, 1801.

14. JOSIAH<sup>4</sup> NORTH (*John<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), fourth son of John and Mary (Seymour) North, was born at Farmington in 1705, and died there in 1777. He married in 1726, TEMPERANCE BALDWIN of Milford. She died in 1789. They were both members of the church. He lived near his father in Farmington, and had half of his uncle Samuel's farm, which the latter bequeathed to him, together with the house and barn.

### Children:

- i. SUBYL, b. 1727; m. 1750, JAMES GRIDLEY, whose descendants lived in Cornwall and Clinton, N. Y.
- ii. SARAH, b. 1729; d. unm.
- iii. OLIVER, b. 1732; d. 1737.
- iv. JANE, b. 1735; d. 1738.
- v. MARY, b. April 21, 1736; m. NORTON. Child: *Sophia*.
- vi. JOSIAH, b. 1738; d. May 6, 1784. No children.
- vii. MERCY, m. April 21, 1766, ELISHA, son of Hezekiah and Mercy (Harris) Scott and lived at the south end of Farmington Street.

15. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> NORTH (*John<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), youngest son of John and Mary (Seymour) North, was born at Farmington in 1708 and died there in 1796, aged 88. He married in 1737 LOIS, daughter of Dea. Samuel Porter. She was born in July, 1712, and died Dec. 15, 1796. They and their children were all church members, and lived at Eastern Farms, Farmington.

Either Samuel North or his son Samuel became involved in contempt of court proceedings in 1774-8 for refusing to deliver to William Pitkin an unrecorded deed for certain land in Farmington, after the court had ordered him to do so. The court<sup>1</sup> fined Samuel North £20 and costs, rendered the deed null and void, and ordered the petitioners to deliver to Samuel North certain monies which the latter had refused to accept for the deed.

### Children, b. at Farmington:

- i. SAMUEL, b. 1738; d. 1738.
33. ii. SAMUEL, 2d, b. July 17, 1740; d. Aug. 11, 1806.
34. iii. REUBEN, b. May 23, 1743; d. Nov. 19, 1822.
- iv. LOIS, b. and d. Feb. 8, 1745.
35. v. JOHN, b. Oct. 5, 1748; d. Aug. 7, 1840.
- vi. SUSANNAH, b. Nov. 10, 1750; d. Oct., 1829; m. GABRIEL CURTISS.
- vii. LOIS, 2d, b. 1752; d. Mar. 26, 1814; m. (1) 1770, SAMUEL SCOTT; (2) TIMOTHY WOODRUFF of East Farms.
- viii. SOLOMON, b. 1754; m. ———. No children.
- ix. AARON, b. 1756; d. Jan. 21, 1776, in the Revolutionary Army at Woodbury; unm.

16. DANIEL<sup>4</sup> NORTH (*Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), oldest son of Thomas and Hannah (Woodford) North, was born at Farmington, Mar. 20, 1702, and died there Mar. 23, 1784. He married (1) Feb. 18, 1736, his cousin MARY, daughter of George and Hannah (North) Northaway, and granddaughter of Samuel North (3). She was born Jan. 10, 1711, and died Aug. 8, 1748. He married (2) Mar. 15, 1750, LYDIA (PORTER) LEE, widow of John Lee, and daughter of William and Mary (Smith) Porter. She was born July 4, 1716, and died Sept. 10, 1837. Daniel North lived at Eastern Farms, Farmington, where he inherited half of his uncle Samuel's farm. He is buried in the old graveyard at Farmington, with his wife Mary Lee, his son Daniel, and the latter's wife Mary Larcum.

<sup>1</sup>"Colonial Records of Connecticut," Trumbull, Vol. XIV, p. 286; Vol. XV, p. 58.

Children, by first wife, b. at Farmington:

- i. MARY, b. Aug. 20, 1737; d. Sept. 10, 1737.
  - ii. MARY, b. Sept. 11, —; d. Oct. 25, —.
  - iii. RUTH, b. May 4, —; d. in infancy.
  - iv. GEORGE, b. Mar. 11, 1742; d. in infancy.
  - v. ABIGAIL, b. July, 1744; m. (1), Oct. 8, 1767, SIMON CLARK, who d. Sept. 14, 1776, aged 33; (2), CHAPMAN. Children by first husband: (1) *Abigail*. (2) *Sarah*. (3) *Jesse*. (4) *Lydia N.*
36. vi. DANIEL, b. Sept., 1746; d. Oct. 7, 1824.

By second wife:

- vii. NOAH, b. Jan. 2, 1751; d. Mar. 1, 1751.
- viii. ELYDIA, b. Mar. 4, 1752; d. in infancy.
- ix. NOAH, 2nd, b. Mar. 23, 1754; d. July 16, 1769.
- x. LYDIA, b. Mar. 23, 1754 (twin); d. before 1784.
- xi. HANNAH, b. Oct. 10, 1758; d. Feb. 13, 1809; m. Nov. 20, 1783, widower AMOS SHEPARD, JR.

17. TIMOTHY<sup>4</sup> NORTH (*Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), third son of Thomas and Hannah (Woodford) North, was born at Farmington, Sept. 21, 1714, and died there July 31, 1788. He married Jan. 25, 1739, his cousin HANNAH, daughter of Thomas North (8). His six sons served in the Revolutionary War, and three of them, Thomas, Lot and Abijah, were pioneers in the settling of Ohio and Kentucky after the war.

Timothy North's house was "burned to ashes," and the Connecticut Colonial Assembly sitting at Hartford Oct. 13, 1763, recompensed him for certain bills lost therein:

"Upon the memorial of Timothy North of Farmington, shewing to this Assembly that on the 21st day of April last his house was burned to ashes and also about nineteen shillings in bills emitted by this colony was burnt at the same time; praying that the same might be paid him out of the public treasury, etc., as per memorial on file:

"Resolved, by this Assembly, that the sum of nineteen shillings be paid to the said Timothy North out of the public treasury; and that the Treasurer is hereby empowered to pay the same."

Children, b. at Farmington:

37. i. ASA, b. Nov. 3, 1739; d. July 9, 1829.
38. ii. ELI, b. May 11, 1743; d. May 15, 1813.
- iii. EUNICE, b. Jan. 10, 1746; d. Mar. 29, 1759.
39. iv. THOMAS, b. Aug. 29, 1748; d. Nov. 1, 1830.
40. v. SETH, b. April 6, 1752; d. May 15, 1822.

41. vi. LOT, b. Jan. 20, 1756; d. Oct. 8, 1825.
42. vii. ABIJAH, b. Feb. 8; 1759; d. Mar. 23, 1850.
- viii. RHODA, b. Dec. 23, 1760; d. Jan. 28, 1763.
- ix. ABI, b. Jan. 13, 1763; d. 1791; m. THOMAS PERRY.

18. DEA. ISAAC<sup>4</sup> NORTH (*Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), oldest son of Thomas and Martha (Roys) North, was born at Berlin, Sept. 27, 1703, and was baptized by Rev. Samuel Goodrich (the father of "Peter Parley"), who preached solid doctrinal sermons under an antique sounding board. He died in Berlin, Dec. 20, 1788, aged 86 years. In 1728 he married MARY, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Smith) Woodford, with which family the Norths were very intimate. She was born Mar. 2, 1708, and died Aug. 25, 1798, aged 90 years.

Dea. Isaac North was the first enrolled member and the first deacon of the Second Congregational Church of Berlin, organized Feb. 9, 1775. He lived in a house still occupied and in good condition, situated one mile north of Berlin village, and later known as the Abijah North place. The highway was later changed from the front to the rear of the house so that the back door now faces the street.

Dea. Isaac North and his wife are both buried in the Beckley Cemetery, where their gravestones may be seen.

Children, b. at Berlin:

43. i. ISAAC, b. Aug. 4, 1729; d. Nov. 17, 1804.
- ii. MARY, b. Aug. 27, 1732; m. at Berlin, April 24, 1760, THOMAS GILBERT, b. Oct. 4, 1738, son of Moses Gilbert. She became a church member in 1758.
44. iii. JEDEDIAH, b. Jan. 16, 1734; d. Dec. 16, 1816.
- iv. LYDIA, b. Dec. 16, 1736; d. Oct. 1, 1741.
45. v. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 19, 1742; d. July 19, 1814.
- vi. SETH, b. May 4, 1744; d. in infancy.
- vii. RUTH, b. 1747; d. in infancy.
46. viii. SETH, 2nd, b. 1749; d. Feb. 29, 1820.

19. CAPT. THOMAS<sup>4</sup> NORTH (*Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), second son of Thomas and Martha (Roys) North, was born at Berlin Oct. 27, 1705. He married ELIZABETH —.

In 1743 he removed from Wethersfield to Sharon, where he lived for about ten years, and was one of the first proprietors of the iron works situated in the Hollow. He lived on the twenty-sixth home lot known as the Capt. Patchen place, later owned by



Mr. Chase. The Connecticut Colonial Assembly elected him ensign and later captain of the train band for the town of Sharon, by which last title he was afterwards known. He was also selectman of Sharon for several years. In 1753 he went into the western wilderness in Dutchess Co., N. Y., settling in the Little Nine Partners grant, now included in the towns of Pine Plains and Milan, and where were born his three youngest sons.

Children:

- i. ELIZABETH, b. at Wethersfield, July 4, 1731; m. July 2, 1752, ELKANAH FULLER.
- ii. RUTH, b. at Wethersfield, Nov. 6, 1741.
- iii. THOMAS, b. at Sharon, Feb. 3, 1745-6. Perhaps the Thomas North recorded in the Federal Census of 1790 as head of a family in Granville, Washington Co., N. Y.
47. iv. DANIEL, b. about 1740-50.
- v. BENJAMIN, removed to Otsego Co., N. Y.
48. vi. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 20, 1751; d. July 7, 1820.

20. JAMES NORTH<sup>4</sup> (*Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), third son of Thomas and Martha (Roys) North, was born at Christian Lane, now Berlin, April 17, 1709, and died at Canaan in 1758. He married SARAH SEYMOUR, who was born Dec. 2, 1712, and died Aug. 20, 1781. He was the progenitor of the New Britain branch of Norths, famous for their manufacturing enterprises. James North lived on the borders of Wethersfield, then removed to Canaan where he died.

EXTRACTS FROM COLONIAL RECORDS OF CONNECTICUT

"Upon the memorial of Sarah North of Canaan, administratrix of the estate of James North, late of said Canaan, deceased, shewing to this assembly that the debts due from said deceased surmount his moveable estate the sum of seventy one pounds ten shillings and four pence one farthing lawful money; praying this assembly to improve the memorialist, or some other meet person, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as shall be sufficient to pay said sum and the incident charges etc. Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have power and she is hereby empowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Sharon therein."

The above act was passed "at a General Assembly of the Governor and company of his Majesty's English Colony of Connecticut in New

England in America, holden in Hartford in said Colony, on the second Thursday of May (being the eleventh day of said month) and continued by several adjournments until the eighth day of June following, Annoque Donimi 1758."

General Assembly holden at Hartford, May 14, to June 10, 1761, the following act was passed:

"Upon the memorial of Judah Hart and Susan Hart, administrators of the estate of James North, late of Canaan, deceased, representing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceased which was allowed by the court of probates for the district of Sharon surmount the whole moveable estate, and so much of the real estate of said deceased as hath already been sold by order of the General Assembly the sum of £31, 5 s. 8½ d. lawful money; praying that Capt. Thomas North of Sharon might be empowered to sell so much of real estate as to pay said sum within the incident charge of sale, taking the direction of the Court of probate in said district, as per the memorial appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Thomas North have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of said estate as shall be sufficient to pay said £31 5 s. 8½ d. with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probates in said district therein."

Children:

- i. THOMAS. During the French and Indian Wars, at the alarm for Fort William Henry in August, 1757, rode horses from Canaan for Capt. Uriah Stevens of that town. In 1760 he served with the rank of sergeant, from April 6 to Sept. 4 in Capt. John Sumner's Company, Gen. Lyman's Regiment, which participated in the capture of Montreal under General Amherst. In 1761 served from April 10 to Sept. 1 under Capt. Joseph Canfield of New Milford. Was drowned later during the wars, at the age of 19.
49. ii. ASHER, b. 1741; d. Feb. 29, 1816.
- iii. LYDIA, b. 1746; d. April 18, 1814; unm.
50. iv. JAMES, b. Jan. 14, 1748; d. May 14, 1833.
- v. SARAH, b. Feb. 22, 1749; d. Sept. 15, 1822; m. Sept. 27, 1770, JUDAH HART, JR. Children: (1) Sarah, m. Asahel Hart. (2) Salmon, m. 1st, Sarah Goodrich; 2nd, Rosetta North. (3) Judah, m. Abigail Belden. (4) Anna, m. Truman Woodruff. (5) Roxana, m. 1st Albert Merriman; 2nd, James Beecher. (6) Lydia, m. Samuel Porter. (7) Eliphaz, m. Eliza Armstrong. (8) Henry. (9) Amzi.
- vi. MERCY, b. 1753; d. Aug. 6, 1819; m. 1782, SAMUEL BASS, who d. Nov. 29, 1802, aged 50. Joined church 1778.